



Funding music projects that change young lives

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Supplying and donating instruments

Some of our projects have dedicated and able music teachers, enthusiastic children ready to learn, and space to practise and rehearse. All they lack are instruments and sheet music. Can you help us?

Used musical instruments

Have you given up playing and abandoned your instrument to a dark corner? It doesn't matter what condition it is in – as long as it is playable it could transform the life of an underprivileged child. Please dig it out, tell us what you have and we'll let you know where it is needed most. We'll also find a way of getting it out to the project at minimal cost. The Bracknell and Wokingham Community Band in the UK have sent many brass instruments to support the Elgon Youth Brass Band in Uganda.

New instruments and accessories

If you work for an organisation that supplies the music business, perhaps you could persuade them to donate new musical instruments or accessories such as strings or music stands. For example, **Stentor Violins**, **Andrew Riley Violins**, **Buffet Crampon**, **The String Zone** and **Pirastro** have all donated instruments or strings in recent months.

Instrument repairs

Many of the instruments our projects have are old and well-used, and many have been patched up resourcefully. But often what is needed is professional repair. If you or your colleagues have the necessary skills and would be interested in visiting our projects to carry out servicing and overhaul, and/or teach the project leaders and students how to do so, we would like to hear from you. We may be able to assist with travel costs.

Sheet music

Do you have several stacks of redundant sheet music tucked beside your piano or on a shelf? Whether it is simple music aimed at new learners or high-grade music for well-practised adults, we can use it. Let us know what you have and we'll find a home for it.

If you can help with any of the suggestions above, please **contact us** today.



Children from Grove Park Junior School trying out the sousaphone before it was sent to the Elgon Youth Brass Band in Kampala



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David Juritz meeting Mr Abreu, Director of the Il Sistema Orchestra, Venezuela

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